



Date: November 10, 2008

To: City Manager for Council Action

From: Chief of Police

Subject: Acceptance of Grant from National Institute of Justice for using DNA to Solve Cold Cases in Santa Clara and Approval of Appropriations and Estimated Revenues

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In early 2008 the National Institute of Justice opened solicitation for its Solving Cases With DNA grant opportunity. The purpose of this solicitation was to provide funds to agencies that would allow departments to utilize the advances in DNA to solve cold cases. The cases investigated would be those in which the department has DNA available to be used. The Police Department applied for this grant and was recently notified that our application had been accepted. This acceptance was somewhat based upon the success we have had solving this type of case.

The Police Department will receive \$324,040 during the life of the grant which is January 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010.

The Police Department will use these grant funds to: provide overtime pay for officers involved in this project; for the hiring of contract employees who will work on these cases; for travel for both contract and regular employees involved in this project; and for necessary equipment and supplies.

ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF ISSUE:

The Using DNA to Solve Cold Cases in Santa Clara grant will allow us to spend significant time working to resolve these troubling older cases. It will also allow us to hire experts to help us in this endeavor and to travel to various locations to follow up on these investigations.

Other than the normal reporting requirements, there are no disadvantages.

ECONOMIC/FISCAL IMPACT:

The estimated cost to the City of the Cold Cases program is \$324,040. Funding is available from Justice Assistance Grant (177-7753-55500-(G)DNA08). There will, therefore, be no impact on the General Fund.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council:

1. Accept the Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$324,040;

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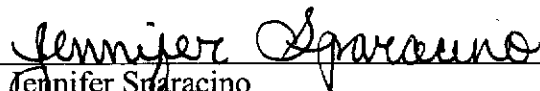
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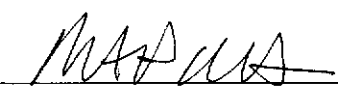
2. Approve estimated revenue of \$324,040 in Police Grant Fund Revenue from Other Agencies (177-7753-55500-(G)DNA08).
3. Approve appropriations as follows:
 - a. \$123,120 to the Police Grants Overtime (177-7753-87030-(G)DNA08 for Overtime;
 - b. \$184,660 to the Police Contractual Services (177-7753-87870-(G)DNA08 for payment to the contractual employees;
 - c. \$9,260 to the Police Travel (177-7753-87820-(G)DNA08 for travel;
 - d. \$6,000 to the Police Equipment (177-7753-88040-(G)DNA08 for equipment; and
 - e. \$1,000 to the Police Supplies (177-7753-87500-(G)DNA08 for supplies.
4. Approve the rollover of unexpended appropriation to future fiscal years.


for Stephen D. Lodge
Chief of Police

APPROVED:


Jennifer Sparacino
City Manager

Certified as to Budget Form 


Mary Ann Parrot
Director of Finance

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Documents Related to this Report:

1) None

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